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WHAT'S THE USE?

What's the use of roaring
Because the clouds are black
All your silly moaning
Never push them back.
Troubles may be coming,
Coming in a heap;
Just you keep a bumbling,
Hum yourself to sleep.
What's the use of stumbling
When the ground is wet?
Thunder may be rumbling,
Don't you ever fret.
Storms will soon be over,
Flowers blooming fair;
Crops will be in clover
When the sun does shine.
What's the use of shouting,
Getting sore o' man?
Things that set you pouting
May make others mad.
Woe don't it be forlorn,
Tell me square and true,
If the world was only
Made for me and you.

THE NEW LIBERTY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The 21st annual session of the New Liberty Baptist Sunday School Convention was held with the Sunday School of Lexington, July 30 and August 1-2, 1903. Miss Margaret J. Broadus presided at the organ, selection "I need Thee very hour" rendered. Invocation by Rev. G. B. Miller, after which, "Saviour more than life to me" was sung. The welcome address was delivered by E. W. Mason in a practical, plain and touching manner; the response to same was made by J. O. Whitaker, who very eloquently voiced the sentiment of the delegates. The Sunday School of the 20th Century was discussed at length. The afternoon was spent in reading letters from the Sunday schools.

Rev. T. M. Reid, assisted by S. M. Watts, preached the annual sermon, in the evening, Friday morning after devotionals and adoption of the previous day's journal. J. Francis Wilson was appointed editor and correspondent for the Convention. The other officers were elected as follows: President, T. R. Reid; Vice President, G. B. Miller; Recording Secretary, M. J. Broadus; Corresponding Secretary, E. W. Mason; Treasurer, J. L. Francis; Organist, L. B. Yates; Chorister, J. O. Whitaker. Rev. R. B. Butler, A. M., spoke on missions in the afternoon and the first part of the evening was spent in rendering a literary program which was a treat indeed. Those who participated were: Miss L. H. Yates, Miss Mary White, Josephine Maberry, M. W. Broadus, Mattie Turner, Mary McMillen, Madie J. Carpenter, Lucy Watts, M. G. Bonnett, Margaret Broadus, Miss J. O. Whitaker and S. R. W. Smith whose criticism was to the point and beneficial.

Saturday morning and afternoon was spent discussing topics of interest to the denomination and Sunday-school. After the regular routine of business Saturday evening Rev. K. A. Monday preached the memorial sermon. Sunday morning the Sunday-school was conducted by Miss M. J. Broadus, preachers were as follows: 11 a. m. J. O. Whitaker; 3 p. m. J. Francis Wilson, 8 p. m. D. V. Bonham.

Total Finance \$100.00. Next session to be held with the Sunday School of Marble Creek, July 1904.

REPORTER.

ANNIVERSARY EXERCISES.

JUNE 28TH, 1903.

The Green Castle Baptist church closed its 38th anniversary exercises some weeks ago. We had preaching five nights by the following named brethren: Revs. H. Bowen, which was enjoyed by all present. We bid him God's speed in his new field of labor. Rev. E. T. Offutt preached a powerful sermon, a great many of his members were present and said that he preached better for us than he did at home. He has been called to Jeffersville, if he accepts, we pray he may get along nicely, though his church does not want him to leave for he is a gospel preacher and we wish him well wherever he may go. Rev. Wm. Reed came he did not see whom he expected to see, so this made him a little down hearted, but when he got to church he lost sight of that. His subject was, "Unfold and Run" he preached a good sermon. Rev. W. L. Brent, who was expected to be present could not get there on account of the illness of his wife. Rev. J. H. Ferdue, D. D., preached a powerful sermon and left the

church much revived. We hope he will come again. On Sunday morning at 11 o'clock Rev. J. Lewis, the silver-tongued gospel preacher preached to a full house. You all know his manner of preaching. At 8 o'clock Revs. E. W. Reed, C. H. Jacobs, E. B. Milton, J. Jacobs and others conducted the meeting. Rev. Reed preached and was followed alternately by some of the older members who told of the past labor they had in the organization of the church, to whom we give God the praise. The seed sown by these brethren we shall gather many days hence. We collected during our meeting \$53.86. We certainly thank the brethren for the noble service they rendered us. We hope these brethren will visit us again.

S. MACK,
Pastor

WOMEN'S WORK.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BAPTIST WOMEN'S EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION: Dear Sisters:—

I have been silent for sometime but thought I would write you to inform you that but little over two months remain before our meeting in Franklin. As chairman of the Board of Managers I write to urge you to be still yourself during these months, so as to make this meeting one of the grandest and most successful meetings in the history of our convention. I am quite anxious that our women get together as never before, for in "union there is strength." We want to make this our banner year. Can we not add \$1,000.00 this year to the amount now in bank for our girls' dormitory? Our board is working very hard to keep the work alive in Louisville. We have begun our campaign among the city churches and hope to be able to visit every church in the city, in the interest of our work, within the next two months. The pastors are receiving us kindly and we hope to accomplish much good in this way. Our Missionary is out on the field and sends in very encouraging letters.

Please do not wait for the Convention. We call upon every Baptist woman and every University Society to lend heart and hand in helping us to foster our educational work. We call upon you to come or send a representative to our meeting in Franklin. If you have no society will you not send at least one dollar for annual membership fee, and thus aid in the great work. Can we not have 100 women, who will make a sacrifice and go with us to Franklin? At our last meeting in Danville, about \$1,000.00 was pledged for our work and we hope that all those who pledged will see to it that the money pledged is either brought or sent to the Convention. Any one desiring "cards" or "coin-mailers" with which to raise your money, may write the Corresponding Secretary, Miss Lucy Flint, 1419 W. Madison St. Do let the Board hear from you, so that we may have some idea of how you are getting along with your work, and what we may expect of you in Oct. at our meeting in Franklin. A line or two from any sister or brother will do much to encourage us. Pray for the blessings of the Almighty upon our work. Let peace and love continue, is the wish of your humble servant and co-worker.

L. C. CRITTENDEN,
Chairman of Board of Managers,
Louisville, Ky.

EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT AT THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

We wish to make our convention at Philadelphia one of the best in the history of our National meetings. We have arranged to have the photographs of all the leading ministers, educators and business men and women represented at this convention, so to that end, we ask each person to send us their photograph at once, enclosing \$1 for framing your photograph.

We also wish the photographs of churches, schools, State Conventions, Sunday-school Conventions and Baptist Young People's Union Conventions.

To make this movement a grand success each person having a drop of race or denominational pride will respond. Suggestions will be gladly received. Let me hear from you. Address all communications to:

Miss FANNIE DODD,
917 Margaret St.,
St. Paul, Minn.

BELLS

EDIFYING AND ENTERTAINING.

An Address Delivered by Rev. E. W. Reed, at the Twenty-eighth Anniversary of Rev. E. P. I. Marra, D. D., of Beargrass Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.

I can not call to memory a single period in my life when I received an invitation to an entertainment or gathering of reverence, respect and regard than the one extended to me by your honorable committee urging upon me to be present upon this occasion. A meeting that should mean and bespeak a great deal to the members and friends of the Beargrass Baptist church; and it should be appreciated by all the Baptist and good citizens of Louisville. When I read your welcome invitation and program, and saw that my name appeared thereon to address you I was very much perplexed in mind as to what I should speak about on this occasion, because I absolutely felt that an event like this demanded men of stronger mind and blessed with a more ready gift. Thus I felt my unworthiness of the place you allowed me on your program. But while meditating over the affair and knowing Dr. Marra as I have, and we having been so closely related in the work of the ministry and finding him always ready and willing to give words of cheer and good advice to all young ministers, and having a faint idea what it meant in this day to pastor a church 23 years, this subject very forcibly impressed itself upon my mind, "Edifying and Entertaining."

From this subject this division suggest themselves to my mind.

I. Dr. Marra is Edifying and Entertaining as a citizen and a neighbor.

II. He is Edifying and Entertaining as a pastor, preacher, teacher and historian and worker.

Now then if we would accept the most common plan and practical idea of the subject, we would understand it to mean development and improvement, or an entertaining one is to another morally, socially and religiously. And it is admitted fact that when such things can be said of, and are true of any person or persons, there should be no question in the as to their being of advantage to the world as a citizen and neighbor and I most invariably believe and feel that I voice the sentiment of all the honest, upright and intelligent members of this church and neighborhood when I tell you such can be said of, and is true of your praiseworthy and honored pastor who has been your leader for 23 long and prosperous years. You can at once see that Dr. Marra is edifying and entertaining as a citizen and neighbor during his stay among you. If we would farther and more accurately see this fact as brought out here we are only to investigate his career and work in the community 23 years ago and that of the present and draw contrast. We will find a considerable difference in affairs.

If we would allow our minds to take a retrospective view of the situation in this community among you people 23 years ago we would not find it as bright and prosperous as it is to day. Dr. Marra had just begun creating and molding sentiment in the hearts and minds of the young people for their future usefulness and development.

It can be said of Dr. Marra what cannot be said of but few Baptist ministers and that he is a historian. And for us to fully know this fact we are only to read the two books and the tracts he has written another book, and for us to know him as a teacher we are only to search the records and we find him spending 24 years in the school room and certainly it would take a considerable volume to give the experience one would gain as teacher in such a long time. If we want a clearer and more definite proof as to the honor a man like Dr. Marra is to you and the race we only ask you to investigate this brief sketch the history of his career. When the great cry went through this country in the sixties for men to go to battle I see Dr. Marra shouldering his nap-sack and gun and marching to the front like a man in the defense of his country. In this war he was honored because he held a position as Quartermaster-Sergeant. He served out his time received an honorable discharge and is now classed among the leaders of the G. A. R. which to my mind is one of the most honorable organizations now in existence.

And after coming out of this cruel war of the sixties we find him for twenty-four long years at war in the school battling against ignorance and superstition at the following places: Simpsonville, La Grange, New Castle, Shelbyville, and for six years at this place.

And if we would point to any man with pride and honor as being the first Manager of State University, it would be Dr. Marra, pastor of Beargrass Baptist church. But I am sorry to say prejudice would allow some to confer this honor upon him, but the good book says, Render honor to whom honor is

due and I think it due him and let us give it to him while he lives.

Let us look further for the worth and value of such a man. He has written two books, The Biographical sketch of his own Life, and Back to my old home where I was converted fifty years ago, and now writing a history of the Central District Association. And for seventeen years when the General Association wants some one to hold its money, the voice of the Baptists Dr. Marra, pastor of the Beargrass Baptist church, which position he now holds.

He is treasurer of the Ministers and Deacons Conference; treasurer of the Republican League of Kentucky; treasurer of the Afro-American League of this city; trustee of State University and a loud agent for a millionaire of N. Y., and holds a prominent position in the G. A. R. Last but not least he has been pastor of the Beargrass Baptist church for twenty three years.

Dear members and friends, I conclude by saying that we are not only to think of Dr. Marra as standing right in front of our denomination for about half a century, fighting the good fight of faith and then think of the great work God has wrought through him in this long time for the Masters cause we must conclude that God could not have used him had he not been a man that could both edify and entertain. Hence double honor should be thrown around him in his declining days. And as he nears yonder world and its beautiful sun bright clime he should be made to look back over a well spent life and feel that somebody has a bright appreciation of the great work God has wrought through him during his stay on earth. And when we can gaze on his face and behold the wrinkles therein, and take a look at his hoary hair which tells us that he has stood the frost of many winters, and then behold his stature which speaks louder than thunder and tells us that he has stood the burden in the heat of the day and yet standing as a stone wall in the defense of his denomination and race, I repeat again that as a servant he is worthy of double honor being conferred upon him, and I am one of those who have met the Beargrass Baptist Church to-day to join with them in prayer and true devotion to God that he might live long and accomplish much good for the Master and his race.

WOMEN'S WORK.

Mrs. L. M. Jackson will fill the following appointments in the interest of the Baptist Women's Educational Convention:

	August 1-3
Evansville	" 3
Pleasureville	" 4
Christiansburg	" 5
Bagdad	" 6
Frankfort	" 7
Midway	" 8
Zion Hill	" 9
Georgetown	" 10
Danville	" 11
Atoka	" 12
Harrodsburg	" 13
Perryville	" 14
Lebanon	" 15
Greenburg	" 16
Campbellsville	" 17
Junction City	" 18
Somerset	" 19
Stanford	" 20
Lancaster	" 21
Paint Lick	" 22
Kirkville	" 23
Paytonville	" 24
Richmond	" 25
Berea	" 26
New Liberty	" 27
Goodloe	" 28
Otter Creek	" 29
Winchester	" 30
Lexington	" 31

Pastors and Presidents of University Societies are requested to make suitable announcements of these appointments and meet our representative on her arrival and make provision for her entertainment. By order of the Board of Managers:

LIZZIE C. CRITTENDEN,
Chairman

LUCY FLINT, Sec'y.

A FORTUNE IN EGGS.

I get many letters from my old home about preserving eggs, that I will answer them through your paper. I started in 1888 with \$36, bought eggs at 8 to 10 cents in summer, preserved them and sold in winter at from 25 to 30 cents a dozen. I preserved eggs 12 years and made \$89,000. My niece started in 1894, with 10, which she re-invested each year, with the profits, and now she has \$16,246, all made from \$10.00, reinvested for eight years. You can buy eggs very cheap now and sell them from 25 to 30 cents; figure the profits yourself. To preserve them costs a cent a dozen. I can't answer letters as I travel, but any person can get desired information by addressing the PEOPLE'S SUPPLY CO., No. 3 Moore Block, New Concord, Ohio; they started me. That is good business for city or country.

C. GANN.

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R. B. BUTLER,

79 Chestnut St., Lexington, Ky.

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